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## Speakers

**February 10, 2021**

[Fred Collignon, UCB Prof Emeritus, Harvard PhD Economics, and long-time teacher](#)

"Is Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) the secret to financing the Green New Deal and Economic Recovery?"

**February 17, 2021**

[Tina Etcheverry, Biotech Consultant](#)

"Vaccines and the Immune Response"

**February 24, 2021**

[Tom Stienstra](#)

**March 03, 2021**

[TBD](#)

## Club Announcements

By Linda Marlene Cogozzo



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 12:30 pm**

**(PST):** Fred Collignon, Ph.D., will present **◆**Is Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) the Secret to Financing the Green New Deal and Economic Recovery?**◆** The speaker is provided by Team #9, Irrawaddy River (O'Neil Dillon and John Pardee, Team Leaders).

**Changemakers:** RI President-elect Shekhar Mehta encourages members to be changemakers and announces his theme for the 2021-2022 Rotary year, Serve to Change Lives. Learn more: <http://on.rotary.org/3j6bVuc>

## Events

February 21st

[Zentangle Fund Raiser](#)

## Birthdays

[Peter D. Campbell](#)

February 9th

[Katy Marie Young](#)

February 14th

[Marion Hunt](#)

February 15th

[Sallie Weissinger](#)

February 15th

[Grace Manning Orenstein](#)

February 19th

[Mary Wainwright](#)

February 22nd

[Grier Graff](#)

February 27th

[Richard M. Betts](#)

March 1st

[Oscar H. Luna](#)

March 3rd

[Tina Etcheverry](#)

## Grier Graff Awarded the Service Above Self Award

The following letter was sent by District Governor Mark Roberts who also presented it at last Wednesday's club meeting. We salute our very deserving award winner Grier Graff!

Fellow District 5160 Rotarians:

It is my distinct privilege and pleasure to announce that **Grier Graff** of the Rotary Club of Berkeley is being recognized by Rotary International with the **Service Above Self** award. This honor is afforded to fewer than 150 Rotarians each year from among our 1.2 million members, 530 districts and more than 35,000 clubs. And I can't think of a more deserving recipient.

Grier **◆**s many accomplishments and contributions include:

Founder, Kensington Rotary Club - President 1991-92.

- In 1995, joined Berkeley Club; recognized quickly for offering time & technical talents to community projects. (He has been an architect for more than 50 years.)
- Served Berkeley Club as Endowment Chair, Board member, Grants Chair & Club

March 6th

- President.
- Current (2019-21) Assistant Governor for BARSHEEP clubs in Alameda and west Contra Costa Counties.
  - Served 5 years on District Grants Review Committee.

Photo: Grier is congratulated at the celebration of his becoming Assistant Governor to the BARSHEEP clubs.



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## Past Presidents Program

By Edward F. Church

On Feb. 3, Berkeley Rotary's Past Presidents provided entertaining ways to learn more about our Club's history. First, John Ferguson created and led an interactive game show called JeoParody, in which Rotarians Terry Reagan, Irene Hegarty, and Jason Draut competed to demonstrate (or not) their knowledge of our Club, from its founding in 1916 to the present. Buzzers, gongs, applause and jeers were sounded for their responses. We were all winners!



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## Running a Theater During a Pandemic

By Marta Laupa



On Wednesday, January 27 we had the pleasure of welcoming Josh Costello, Director of the Aurora Theatre Company, to speak on "Running a theater during the pandemic." Josh became Director in August 2019 and could not at that time imagine what challenges he would face in the months to come.

The Aurora Theatre is an intimate space: 150 seats surrounding the stage on three sides. The theater company works with plays about "big ideas" as the local Berkeley audience is well-educated and appreciates intellectual plays. Since coming to the Aurora,

Josh has wanted to embrace the larger community. Their best work is done when serving the community and producing work that is meaningful to it. Unlike some theaters that hire outside actors, the Aurora hires local actors and partners with local organizations in producing their works. For example, the play "Eureka Day" deals with issues around children's school vaccinations. For this play the theater partnered with a local school. Actors and others involved in the play met with schoolteachers and officials to discuss ideas and experiences relevant to this topic.

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